

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 11 Mar 2022 until 23:59 on Saturday 12 Mar 2022

Forecast Issued on Thursday 10 Mar 2022 at 16:53 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for gales Friday and Sunday, and lighter winds Saturday, but low for details of rain. Moderate improving conditions from Monday, but low for Tuesday.

Headline for Friday 11 Mar 2022: Severe gale or storm force winds. A few morning showers. Heavier afternoon rain.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 11 Mar 2022

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

Medium Likelihood

Gales

High Likelihood

Severe chill effect

High Likelihood

Poor visibility

Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Strong sunlight

No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Light rain	Light rain	Cloudy	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain
Precipitation probability							
<05%	<05%	20%	20%	10%	80%	80%	70%

Forecast for Friday 11 Mar 2022

Weather: Dry through the early hours with some clear spells. Cloud increases after dawn, with a spell of showery rain likely. Drier with some bright spells around midday. However, cloud soon thickens with occasionally heavy rain in the afternoon and evening. A risk of severe gales along the west coast in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30%

Low Cloud and visibility: Good outside of any low cloud. Cloud mainly near the summits in the early hours, lowering to around 600-700m soon after dawn. Cloud lifting for a couple of hours around midday or early afternoon to leave a few patches near the summits. However, cloud soon thickening and lowering to 700-800m again.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	61/75 SE	61/74 SE	57/70 SE	55/67 SE	51/63 SE	52/66 SE	56/70 SE	57/72 SE	47/60 S
900	42/53 S	38/50 SE	38/50 SE	36/49 SE	34/46 SE	37/50 SE	38/52 SE	41/55 SE	33/45 S
600	51/60 S	47/57 SE	48/58 SE	41/51 SE	38/47 SE	43/54 SE	46/58 SE	48/60 SE	41/53 S
300	25/38 SE	24/33 SE	22/33 SE	19/29 SE	22/32 SE	24/36 SE	24/37 SE	26/39 SE	23/34 S
Glen	7/16 S	8/24 SE	11/26 SE	8/19 SE	14/27 SE	14/30 SE	17/35 SE	19/38 SE	16/33 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-4/-16	-2/-13	-1/-11	0/-9	-0/-10	-1/-11	0/-10	-1/-11	-2/-12
900	-1/-11	0/-8	1/-7	2/-5	2/-5	2/-5	2/-5	2/-6	1/-7
600	3/-5	4/-4	5/-2	6/-1	5/-1	6/-1	6/-1	5/-2	3/-4
300	4/-2	5/-1	6/1	7/3	8/4	8/4	8/3	8/3	5/0
Glen	6/3	6/3	7/4	8/6	10/7	10/7	9/6	9/6	7/3
Freezing Level*	700m	1100m	1100m	1400m	1200m	1300m	1500m	1300m	1000m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Serious, challenging conditions on high ground with gusts likely to take you off your feet. Some uncertainty in strength of winds but sever gale or storm force winds likely for much of the day over the higher tops.

Forecast for Saturday 12 Mar 2022

Weather: Mostly cloudier with showers, frequent during the morning, falling as snow above 800-900m. Showers increasingly scattered in the afternoon, then a mostly dry but cloudy evening. Rain arriving across Arran by midnight.

Maximum wind: South 40 gusting 55 mph, easing from the south through the early hours, 20 gusting 30 mph from dawn. Southeast 25 gusting 35-40 mph in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30-40%.

Low Cloud and visibility: Good outside of low cloud. Frequent cloud, bases often lowering to 600-700m. An increasing chance of cloud breaks in the afternoon.

Temperature: Glens: Plus 5 Celsius rising to 7 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 1 or 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: 1000-1200m